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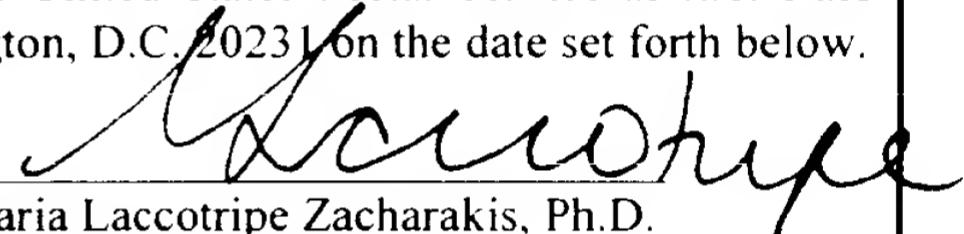
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir,

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-31 and please add new claims 32-48 as follows:

32. (New) A method for identifying a compound which binds to a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, the method comprising:

a) contacting a cell expressing the polypeptide with a test compound under conditions suitable for binding to the polypeptide; and